Billings County Zoning Meeting August 21, 2014

Members present: John Tczap, Anita Kessel, Joseph Kessel, Paul Krush, Cathy Cerkoney, and Karen Putnam. Connie Kasim, ss.

Others present: Tax & Zoning Director Stacey Swanson, Deputy Tax & Zoning Director Juliana Pemperton, Billy Richard, Richard Brown, Joe Marques, Matt Huggins, Laura Grzanic, Bob Procive, Lowell Lindbo, Pat Hedstrup, Don Gordon, Andrew Makee, Ben Procive, Tim Hendricks, Margie Lindbo.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Tczap at 1:00pm.

Anita Kessel moved to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2014 regular zoning meeting. Paul Krush seconded. All voted aye.

Billy Richard: Application for a conditional use permit to place a manufactured home in the S1/2NW1/4 3-139-100. Property is zoned Agricultural and owned by Alan Richard. Anita Kessel moved to approve the conditional use permit contingent upon the Southwest District Health sewer and water approval being turned in. Paul Krush seconded. All voted aye.

Orion Wind Resources, LLC: Conditional use permit to construct a meteorological tower in the NE1/4 13-144-99. Tower will be used to monitor & collect wind data. Property is zoned agricultural and owned by Cody & Janell Tachenko. Chairman Tczap questioned representative Andrew Makee about the siting of the tower as well as the future development of wind turbines. The tower is a temporary structure and future permitting will be required for any wind energy generators. This request is for a 5 year permit. Cathy Cerkoney moved to approve the five year conditional use permit. Connie Kasian seconded. Anita Kessel abstained from voting. All others voted aye.

Orion Wind Resources, LLC: Conditional use permit to construct a meteorological tower in the S1/2 29-143-98. Tower will be used to monitor & collect wind data. Property is zoned agricultural and owned by Curtis & Louie Pavlicek. Discussion ensued regarding the site of the tower. Karen Putnam moved to approve the conditional use permit. Cathy Cerkoney seconded. Anita Kessel abstained from voting. All others voted aye.

Morgan Chase Management: Application to construct a four-story, 2 unit extended stay hotel and a 60' x 100' wastewater processing structure. Block 2 & lots 1-6, Block 3, Original Fryburg (3749 Main St, Fryburg). Property is zoned commercial and currently owned by Energy Resource Group, LLC. Joe Marques and Richard Brown were present and addressed the board regarding a new plan for wastewater treatment at the facility. Numerous Fryburg residents were in attendance in opposition to the project. Discussion ensued regarding the size and scope of the project and the setbacks for the structures including the water treatment facility. Chairman Tczap stated that he felt that the infrastructure is insufficient in Fryburg and that there would be inadequate fire and police protection for a project that size. County residents presented their concerns of security and potential alcohol and drug abuse of the residents with no adequate police presence. Karen Putnam made a motion to deny the application based on the concerns of the board and the residents of that community. Connie Kasian seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All voted aye.

With there being no further business, Anita Kessel moved to adjourn at 2:00P.M. Paul Krush seconded. All voted aye.

John Tozap, Chairman

Marcia Lamb, Secretary